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Alan Kirk came to see me this morning. Lydia and he are over here on a pleasure trip and he is going to Belgium for shooting this week end. He was in fine health and spirits and we talked over a variety of past experiences.

We had a lunch today for Nancy and Teddy White, who are shortly going home after he has spent fifteen years abroad as a journalist. The Schoenbruns and Preston Grover were the other guests. It was very festive and conversation was not impeded by our consumption of three bottles of champagne, a bottle of Clos de Mouche 1947, and a bottle each of Ch. Latour 1918, Pichon Lalande 1921, and Ch. Cheval Blanc 1929, as well as a tasting of some cognacs.

At the office this afternoon Tommy and I had to deal with a variety of personnel questions. Some of the people assigned to us from other agencies have been, so far as we can tell, very unjustly dismissed and there is nothing to be done about it except for them to appeal their cases.

Jack McCloy came in. He has just arrived from London and I had as always an extremely interesting and satisfactory talk with him.

I left tonight on the 8:20 train for Bad Godesberg.

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